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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
RETRIEVING A DOCUMENT AND  
COMPUTER READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND  
RESET OF STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Sir:

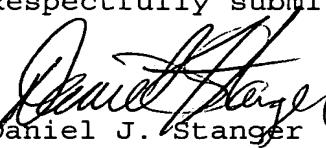
The Applicants have received a final Office Action mailed June 7, 2005, for the captioned application. The Applicants request a new Office Action with a reset statutory period for response for the reasons that follow.

In the Office Action, Claims 12-18, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by "Aoki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,421,675)". However, there appears to be no patent having the listed number assigned to "Aoki et al.". Moreover, the Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892) lists a patent to Aoki et al. (U.S. 6,078,913) but does not

list the patent number that appears to form the basis for the rejection.

Therefore, the Applicants cannot respond to the final Office Action as it currently exists. The Applicants thus request clarification of the grounds for the rejection, issuance of a new Office Action, and a reset of the statutory period for response to coincide with the mailing date of the new Office Action.

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